

**OFFICIAL JOURNAL
OF THE
SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Sixth Organizational Meeting of the Senate
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 12, 2004

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 o'clock A.M., by Honorable John Hainkel, President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Ellington	Lentini
Adley	Fields	Malone
Amedee	Fontenot	Marionneaux
Bajoie	Gautreaux, B	McPherson
Boasso	Gautreaux, N	Michot
Boissiere	Heitmeier	Mount
Cain	Hines	Nevers
Chaisson	Holden	Romero
Cheek	Hollis	Schedler
Cravins	Irons	Smith
Dardenne	Jackson	Theunissen
Duplessis	Jones, CD	Ullo
Dupre	Kostelka	
Total—38		

ABSENT

Barham
Total—1

The President of the Senate announced there were 38 Senators present and a quorum.

Invocation

The prayer was offered by Reverend B. G. Dyess, former State Senator. The Senate joined in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, lead by Rev. Anthony Mangun.

The Senate joined in singing "America the Beautiful" lead by Mrs. Mickey Magnun.

Messages from the President

The following messages from the President were received and read as follows:

SENATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BATON ROUGE

Notification of Organizational Meeting

The Rules of Order of the Senate provide that members of the Senate meet in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday in January after their election every four years. The purpose of this meeting is to judge the qualifications and election of the members of the Senate, as required by Article 3, Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution, have each member take the oath or affirmation of office prescribed by the Constitution, and to elect officers of the Senate.

The following items will be acted upon in order as required by the Rules of Order of the Senate:

Item No. 1: Judging the qualifications and election of members of the Senate as required by Article 3, Section 7 of the Constitution (Rule 2.1)

Item No. 2: Taking the oath or affirmation of office prescribed by the Constitution (Rule 2.1)

Item No. 3: Election of the President of the Senate (Rule 3.2A)

Item No. 4: Election of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (Rule 3.4A)

Item No. 5: Election of the Secretary of the Senate (Rule 3.6A)

Item No. 6: Election of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate (Rule 3.8A)

Item No. 7: Other business

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Senate of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of January, 2004.

Senator John J. Hainkel, Jr.
President of the Senate

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY

Michael S. Baer, III
Secretary of the Senate

**Messages from the
Secretary of the State**

The following messages from the Secretary of State were received and read as follows:

W. FOX MCKEITHEN
SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Louisiana

December 1, 2003

To the President of the Senate
State of Louisiana

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S. 18:573, the name of persons who have received the greatest number of votes cast for State Senator in the Legislature of Louisiana from their respective Senatorial Districts, and who have been duly proclaimed elected.

Sincerely,
FOX MCKEITHEN
Secretary of State

Senator Hollis moved that all the Senators should be administered the Oath of Office.

Administering the Oath of Office

The oath prescribed by Article X, Section 30, of the Constitution was administered by the Honorable Jimmy Fitzmorris, former Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, to the following hereinafter named Senators-elect:

United States of America
State of Louisiana
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that the following candidates are declared elected by the people to the office set above their names at the 2003 Gubernatorial Election:

- 1st Senatorial District Walter J. Boasso
2nd Senatorial District Ann Duplessis
3rd Senatorial District Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr.
4th Senatorial District Paulette R. Irons
5th Senatorial District Diana E. Bajoie
6th Senatorial District John J. Hainkel, Jr.
7th Senatorial District Francis C. Heitmeier
8th Senatorial District J. Chris Ullo
9th Senatorial District "Ken" Hollis
10th Senatorial District Arthur "Art" Lentini
11th Senatorial District "Tom" Schedler
12th Senatorial District Ben Nevers
13th Senatorial District Heulette "Clo" Fontenot
14th Senatorial District Cleo Fields
15th Senatorial District Melvin L. "Kip" Holden
16th Senatorial District Jay Dardenne
17th Senatorial District Robert "Rob" Marionneau, Jr.
18th Senatorial District "Jody" Amedee
19th Senatorial District Joel T. Chaisson II
20th Senatorial District Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.
21st Senatorial District "Butch" Gautreaux
22nd Senatorial District Craig Romero
23rd Senatorial District "Mike" Michot
24th Senatorial District Donald "Don" Cravins
25th Senatorial District Gerald "Jerry" Theunissen
26th Senatorial District "Nick" Gautreaux
27th Senatorial District Willie Landry Mount
28th Senatorial District "Don" Hines
29th Senatorial District "Joe" McPherson
30th Senatorial District James David Cain
31st Senatorial District Kenneth M. "Mike" Smith
32nd Senatorial District Noble Ellington
33rd Senatorial District Robert J. Barham
34th Senatorial District Charles D. Jones
35th Senatorial District Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka
36th Senatorial District Robert Adley
37th Senatorial District Max T. Malone
38th Senatorial District Sherri Smith Cheek
39th Senatorial District Lydia Patrice Jackson

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on December 1, 2003.

FOX W. MCKEITHEN
Secretary of State

Senator Robert J. Barham, 33rd Senatorial District, was sworn in by Leah Anne Flynn, Notary Public in Oakridge, Louisiana.

Organization

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President of the Senate was now in order.

Election of President of the Senate

Senator McPherson placed in nomination the name of Senator Hines.

Senator Cheek seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Heitmeier moved the nominations be closed and Senator Hines be elected President of the Senate by acclamation.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, YEAS, NAYS. Lists names like Mr. President, Adley, Amedee, Bajoie, Boasso, Boissiere, Cain, Chaisson, Cheek, Cravins, Dardenne, Duplessis, Dupre, Total—38.

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Barham
Total—1

Which motion was agreed to, and Senator Hines was elected by acclamation.

The oath of office was administered by Honorable John Saunders, 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals Judge and former State Senator.

Senate President Hines in the Chair

Election of President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President Pro Tempore of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Jones placed in nomination the name of Senator Bajoie.

Senator Irons seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Fields moved the nominations be closed and Senator Bajoie be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate by acclamation.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, YEAS, NAYS. Lists names like Mr. President, Adley, Amedee, Bajoie, Boasso, Ellington, Fields, Fontenot, Gautreaux, B, Gautreaux, N, Lentini, Malone, Marionneau, McPherson, Michot.

Boissiere	Hainkel	Mount
Cain	Heitmeier	Nevers
Chaisson	Holden	Romero
Cheek	Hollis	Schedler
Cravins	Irons	Smith
Dardenne	Jackson	Theunissen
Duplessis	Jones, CD	Ullo
Dupre	Kostelka	

Total—38

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Barham
Total—1

Which motion was agreed to, and Senator Bajoie was elected by acclamation.

The oath of office was administered by Honorable Janice Clark, State District Court, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish.

Election of Secretary of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Secretary of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Fields placed in nomination the name of Michael S. Baer, III.

Senator Hollis seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Heitmeier moved the nomination be closed and Mr. Baer be elected Secretary of the Senate by acclamation.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Ellington	Lentini
Adley	Fields	Malone
Amedee	Fontenot	Marionneau
Bajoie	Gautreaux, B	McPherson
Boasso	Gautreaux, N	Michot
Boissiere	Hainkel	Mount
Cain	Heitmeier	Nevers
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Cheek	Hollis	Schedler
Cravins	Irons	Smith
Dardenne	Jackson	Theunissen
Duplessis	Jones, CD	Ullo
Dupre	Kostelka	

Total—38

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Barham
Total—1

Which motion was agreed to, and Mr. Baer was elected by acclamation.

The oath of office was administered by Mr. Camille Gravel, assisted by former State Senator B.B. "Sixty" Rayburn, and Governor Mike Foster.

Election of Sergeant at Arms of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Sergeant at Arms of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Fields placed in nomination the name of John Keller.

Senator Dardenne seconded the nomination.

Senator Marionneau moved the nominations be closed and Mr. Keller be elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate by acclamation.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Ellington	Lentini
Adley	Fields	Malone
Amedee	Fontenot	Marionneau
Bajoie	Gautreaux, B	McPherson
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Total—38

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Barham
Total—1

Which motion was agreed to, and Mr. Keller was elected by acclamation.

The oath of office was administered by Senator Donald E. Hines, President of the Senate.

Benediction

The benediction was offered by Reverend Carl Hudson.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the Senate adjourned its organizational meeting.

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Barham 1 Day

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

GAYE F. HAMILTON
Journal Clerk